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To whomever receives this:

I have scant spare time, but this is important. I am VERY displeased with the settlement against Microsoft, and VERY disappointed in the Justice Department.

Microsoft was found guilty, plain and simple. Their punishment equates to being forced to "play fair" in the future, but applies NO PENALTY for past wrong-doing. That is NOT justice. It does go to show you that you can get away with anything if you have enough money to buy off the government, as Microsoft did by heavily funding both Republican and Democratic parties.

I could be a lot more eloquent and say a LOT more about this, but my spare minute is up now. Thank you for hearing me out. I hope you all sleep horribly at night.

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